

ATTACHMENT – CLAIMS LISTING

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) A venetian blind for covering large window panels comprising:

a plurality of parallel elongated slats according to claim 1, furthermore comprising:
each said slat having front and rear longitudinally extending edge portions
connected by a main portion, where each of said edge portions comprises a first portion
extending laterally relative to the main portion and an opposing second portion forming
a space therebetween,

said edge portions being furthermore provided with a gap, through which said
gap said space is accessible from outside, a width of said gap being less than a
maximum distance between said first and second portions, and

an attachment member at least two pairs of tilt cords for releasable attachment to
said front and rear edge portions of the slats by means of an attachment means for
releasable attachment of the slats, for each said front and rear edge portion,

each said attachment member being formed for insertion through said gap into
said space for engagement with the boundaries of said space such that the attachment
member does not penetrate the slat, and characterized by

each said attachment member comprising a central loop portion a) connected to
a first leg portion lying substantially in the a plane of the central loop portion and b)
connected to second and third leg portions lying in a plane forming an angle (A) relative
to the plane of the central loop portion and the first leg portion;

at least two pairs of tilt cords for releasable attachment to said front and rear edge
portions of the slats by use of said attachment members in the slats; and

at least two pairs of lift cords running substantially parallel with said tilt cords and
attached to the lowermost of said slats.

28. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim ~~27~~ 54, characterized ~~wherein that each of said pairs of tilt cords and said pairs of lift cords are operated by separate lift~~ said lift mechanism and said tilt mechanisms are provided on a common drive shaft driven for rotation by a common drive ~~means~~.

29. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim ~~27~~ 54, characterized ~~wherein that each of said pairs of tilt cords and said pairs of lift cords are operated by separate lift~~ said lift mechanism and said tilt mechanisms are provided on a separate drive shaft for each of said mechanisms and are driven for rotation by a separate drive ~~means~~.

30. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim ~~27~~ 54, characterized ~~wherein that each of said lift mechanism and tilt mechanisms~~ comprises a tubular member mounted for rotation with and axial displacement over a drive shaft and an associated guide means for maintaining the lift cords in their a proper axial position and for directing the lift cords to the outer circumferential surface of said tubular member, whereby the lift cords upon rotation of said tubular member will become helically wound on or off the circumferential surface of the tubular member resulting in the slats being raised or lowered as the tubular member rotates.

31. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 30, characterized ~~wherein that~~ said tubular member on the outer circumferential surface thereof is provided with a single thread for accommodating each of said lift cords of a given pair of lift cords in the same thread.

32. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 30, characterized ~~wherein that~~ said tubular member on the outer circumferential surface thereof is provided with a double thread for accommodating each of said lift cords of a given pair of lift cords in separate threads hereof.

33. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 30, ~~characterized wherein~~ that (a) said tubular member on the outer circumferential surface thereof is provided with a thread for accommodating each of said lift cords of a given pair of lift cords in the same thread, and (b) said thread being in engagement with a corresponding thread in a stationary bearing supporting the tubular member.

34. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 33, ~~characterized wherein~~ that said thread~~(s)~~ is~~(are)~~ trapezoidal.

35. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 34, ~~characterized wherein~~ that a gap is formed between said thread~~(s)~~ on the tubular member and on the stationary bearing for accommodation of the lift cords therein ~~is said gap~~.

36. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim ~~28~~ 54, ~~characterized wherein that said lift and tilt mechanism comprises tilt means for connection to the tilt cords of a given pair of lift and tilt cords, said tilt means comprising a cylindrical tilt house provided coaxially about said a drive shaft for co-rotation herewith, around the outer circumferential surface of which said tilt house there is provided a tilt member following said rotation of the tilt house due to friction between the tilt member and the tilt house over a predetermined angular range determined by first means a stop provided on the tilt member during said rotation being brought into contact with corresponding stationary abutments~~ means, where said tilt cords are wound around said tilt member, so that rotation of the tilt member in one direction makes one tilt cord of the given pair of tilt cords unwind from the tilt member and the other tilt cord of the given pair of tilt cords wind upon the tilt member.

37. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 36, ~~characterized wherein~~ that said tilt member is radially resilient.

38. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 37, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~that~~ said tilt member is provided with an axially extending gap.

39. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 36, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~that~~ said tilt member is a tubular member comprising a main portion and a collar
defining an intermediate groove for accommodating the tilt cords.

40. (canceled)

41. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 28, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~that~~ said common drive means is/are a motor/motors fixedly accommodated within said
common drive shaft(s).

42-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 28, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~that~~ said lift and tilt mechanism comprises ~~tilt means for connection to the tilt cords of~~
~~one or more pair(s) of lift and tilt cords, said tilt means comprising a tilt drum provided~~
coaxially about said a drive shaft for co-rotation therewith, around the outer
circumferential surface of which said tilt drum there is provided a tilt member following
said rotation of the tilt drum due to friction between the tilt member and the tilt drum over
a predetermined angular range determined by a first abutment means provided on the
tilt member during said rotation being brought into contact with an abutment tongue
provided on a rotatable abutment ring such that a further rotation of the tilt drum will
result in the rotatable abutment ring rotating around the tilt drum until further rotation is
being prevented by engagement of a portion of the rotatable abutment ring with a
stationary abutment means, where said tilt cords are wound around said tilt member, so
that rotation of the tilt member in one direction makes one tilt cord of the given pair of tilt
cords to unwind from the tilt member and the other tilt cord of the given pair of tilt cords
to wind upon the tilt member.

45. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 44, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~that~~ said tilt member is radially resilient.

46. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 44, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~that~~ said tilt member is provided with an axially extending slit.

47. (canceled)

48. (currently amended) A venetian blind according to claim 44, ~~characterized wherein~~
~~that said a~~ portion of the rotatable abutment ring is provided with circumferentially
spaced end faces such that the circumferential extension of said portion is used to set
the rotation range of the tilt member around the tilt drum.

49-53. (canceled)

54. (new) A venetian blind according to claim 27, further including:
a lift mechanism for each of said pairs of lift cords; and
a tilt mechanism for each of said pairs of tilt cords.

55. (new) A venetian blind according to claim 54, wherein each said separate drive is a
motor fixedly accommodated within a respective said separate drive shaft.

56. (new) A venetian blind according to claim 37, wherein the ends of the each of the
tilt cords are attached to the tilt member at points lying substantially diametrically
opposite each other on the tilt member and that the tilt cords are wound in opposite
directions on the tilt member.

57. (new) A venetian blind according to claim 44, wherein the ends of each of the tilt
cords are attached to the tilt member at points lying substantially diametrically opposite

each other on the tilt member and that the tilt cords are wound in opposite directions on the tilt member.

58. (new) A venetian blind according to claim 27, wherein support cords are provided at each longitudinal end of the slats for engagement with the slats, whereby the stability of the venetian blind is increased.

59. (new) A venetian blind according to claim 58, wherein the lift cords run parallel with said support cords and pass through passages in support members provided at the longitudinal ends of the slats.